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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNC/REAR: THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION

1. MINISTER GORHAM OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS INFORMED CHARGE THAT DURING A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA JULY 28, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON HOMELEAVE, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR RANKIN HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION IN UNC/REAR.

2. AMBASSADOR RANKIN BROACHED THE SUBJECT BY REMARKING TO MIYAZAWA THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE UK HAD "ANSWERED THE CALL". RANKIN SAID THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THE GOJ FAVORED SUCH THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION BUT NOTED THAT NO APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE DIRECTLY TO THE CANADIANS. HE ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHETHERIN THE GOJ VIEW THE UK CONTINGENT SERVES THE PURPOSE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA REPLIED THAT GOJ DOES FAVOR THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION AND THAT IT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE UK RESPONSE TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR MAINTAINING THE UNC/REAR STATUS QUO. HE NOTED THAT THE

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UK HAD PROVIDED ONLY TWO NCO'S AND COMMENTED THAT

HE HOPED OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CANADA, WOULD JOIN IN. AMBASSADOR RANKIN NOTED THAT THE USG HAD URGED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD FELT THIS TO BE DIFFICULT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOC WOULD RECONSIDER.

4. GORHAM SAID THAT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAD REPORTED THIS EXCHANGE TO OTTAWA WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MATTER BE FAVORABLY RECONSIDERED IN VIEW OF (A): THE MATERIAL BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM CONTINUED ACCESS TO U.S. BASES AND FACILITIES FOR CANADIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND (B) IN CONSIDERATION OF GOOD CANADIAN-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

5. RECOMMENDATION: UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT OR OR EMBASSY OTTAWA SEES AN OBJECTION, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOLLOWING THE CANADIAN EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION BY REITERATING TO THE GOC OUR HOPE THAT IT CAN PARTICIPATE IN MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF UNC/REAR AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT UNDERTAKEN BY THE UK. SHOESMITH

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